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SENATOR JOHNS SELECTED TO SERVE ON NEWLY CREATED SALES TAX STREAMLINING AND MODERNZATION COMMISSION

District 27 State Senator Ronnie Johns (R-Lake Charles) has been selected to serve on the Sales Tax Streamlining and Modernization Committee. The committee was created by Act 405 of the Regular Session and is charged with performing a comprehensive study of state and local sales tax systems and to make recommendations to the legislature.

"I very much appreciate the confidence that the President of the Senate has placed in me to serve on one of the most important committees that will serve our state in the near future. As our legislature begins to restructure and reform our budgeting process I am excited and honored to be asked to play a key role," said Sen. Johns.

The committee was created by Representative Stokes to study state and local sales tax systems and to recommend changes based on the need to develop a broader tax base with lower tax rates. The current state and local sales tax systems have been criticized as being cumbersome and a burden on businesses. The commission must report its findings and recommendations on or before January 15, 2016.